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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows. A clean copy of the claims is included as an appendix.

In the claims:

1 (Amended). [A] In a minivan adapted for wheelchair access by a folding ramp having one end attached to the minivan by a hinge, a drive mechanism including a drive motor having a rotor shaft coupled to said folding ramp for raising or lowering the ramp by rotating one end of the folding ramp about said hinge, the improvement [said minivan] comprising: